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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 May 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 11-16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 11-16 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 11 March 2002 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☒ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains.

Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 11-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Brunts et al. (U.S. 5887269A) and in view of Suzuki et al. (U.S. 5774362A)

Claims 11 and 16:

With respect to claims 11 and 16, Brunts et al. discloses a memory card (120) (Bruns et al, figure 8), which is about the size of a credit card and is formatted to PCMCIA standards. And said memory card is for use with the memory card interface (36) (Bruns et al, figure 3, memory card 36). Brunts et al. teach that the memory card stores data regarding to a navigation destination (Bruns et al, column 7, lines 1-10) and said the memory card interface (36) is provided for reading the information stored in the memory card (Bruns et al, column 7, lines 50-65).

Bruns et al. do not disclose that the following limitation: "audio data assigned to the at least one navigation destination stored in the memory".

The reference to Suzuki et al. has been cited as teaching an input device for navigation system including teaching the data memory (25) for storing various data such as intersection data, audio data, map data, etc.

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the system of Brunts et al. to include the teachings as taught by Suzuki et al. so that a driver, specially, a driver of a tourist bus, is able to follow the audible navigation instructions to navigate the vehicle from one location to another location, or to retrieve the audible data for the purpose of introducing about a specified location to tourists who are sitting on the vehicle.

With regard to claim 12, Suzuki et al. discloses that the audio data includes information about the navigation destination (Suzuki et al., column 7, lines 23-25)

Claim 13:

With respect to claim 13, Brunts et al. discloses a navigation system and method for navigating a motor vehicle from one location to a destination comprising the steps of: reading the navigation destination from the memory card (120) by the memory card reader (36) (Bruns et al, figure 8; figure 3, memory card 36).

Brunts et al. do not disclose the step of transmitting the navigation destination from the radio receiver to a navigation unit to calculate a route; and reading audio data assigned to the navigation destination from the memory of the navigation card.

The secondary reference to Suzuki et al. discloses an input device for navigation system, comprising: the controller (21) that receives the input from the data memory (25). And said data memory (25) includes audio data regarding to the navigation

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destination. The controller (21) is provided as a computer to execute computer program instructions and calculate route guidance (Suzuki et al, column 4, lines 46-62).

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the system of Brunts et al. to include the teachings as taught by Suzuki et al. so that a driver, specially, a driver of a tourist bus, is able to either follow a route on a digital map or to follow an audible route guidance when traveling to a specified location. The another advantage of the combination is the audible data related to history, weather, or tourist activities could be retrieved as well.

With regard to claims 14 and 15, the reference to Suzuki et al. teach that the "voice guidance for following the travel route is also appropriately output from a speaker 26 by using the audio data 251 stored in the data memory 25" (Suzuki et al, column 7, lines 22-25).

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 05/26/2004, with respect to claims 11-16 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The final rejection dated on 03/24/2004 has been withdrawn.

Applicant's arguments, see the applicant's reply under rule 116, filed 05/26/2004, with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 11-16 under 35 U.S.C 102(e) rejection have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the final rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of Brunts et al. and Suzuki et al.

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Conclusions

The prior art made of record, which are listed in PTO-892, and not relied upon are considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure includes the following: Abe's.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tuan C To whose telephone number is (703) 308-6273. The examiner can normally be reached on from 8:00AM to 5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thomas Black can be reached on (703) 305-8233.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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Patent Examiner,

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